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SUPPLEMENT

WILLIAM GREEN, President

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GEORGE MEANY, Secretary-Treasurer

Write Your Senators
And Congressmen to
Repeat T-H Law

Ching Declares Collective Bargaining Is Cornerstone of Industrial Freedom

New York—Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, declared here today that the principle of collective bargaining, properly used by both labor and management with full realization of their own responsibilities, is the cornerstone of industrial freedom.

On the other hand, he said, an absence of labor and industrial leaders, or collective bargaining fall, the country will be "a bad day."

Mr. Ching said that collective bargaining has been the nation's labor policy and has been successful in many ways.

"A lot of people don't like it any more than they like paying income taxes," he said.

But they might as well make up their minds to it, he said, because it is the cornerstone of industrial freedom and is the basis of the law of the land. We have to make it work, he said.

He said that the nation's labor and management had an important part to play in the future of the country.

Collective bargaining and arbitration are the two main methods of settling labor disputes, he said.

He said that thousands of men, women and children were working in the nation's labor and industry with only a few exceptions.

Mr. Ching said: "We're doing well."

If You Work For a Living ACT NOW!

The hearings on the administration's proposal to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and to reenact the Wagner Act with certain amendments are over.

The bills to accomplish this purpose have been reported out by congressional committees for final action on the floor of the Senate and House.

Labor leaders, government experts, industrial relations specialists and anti-labor foes have had their say.

But the real battle is about to begin!

The House will begin debate on this issue on April 26.

Now is the time for all individual workers to express themselves on how they feel about the Thomas-Lesinski bills. Both have the complete backing of the American Federation of Labor.

To have your voice heard, write your Senators and Congressmen NOW and tell them what you think. Your opinions must be a lot faster than lightning. They still do. So take a minute and write a postcard NOW.

LET CONGRESS KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT LABOR LEGISLATION!

Taft-Hartley Repeal Hartley, Says Tobin; Foes Planning Fight

Washington—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin predicted that the Thomas-Lesinski bill repealing the Senate and House "without realistic changes."

Mr. Tobin said a new conference of labor leaders and the Senate and House would be held in the House about May 1 after several days of debate. He declined to predict when the Senate would take action on the Thomas bill.

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Lawyers' Unit Hits T-H Closed Shop Ban; Assails Other Provisions of Labor Law

New York—Labor received some support here for its drive to repeal the Taft-Hartley law, which was passed by the Senate and House in 1947.

A committee of the New York branch of the lawyers' profession, which for years has been active in opposing the law, favored abolition of the ban on union security, the closed shop, and the right to sue for damages for violation of the law.

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Building Tile Held Cause Of Hospital Fire Deaths

Chicago Correspondent of the APF Weekly News Service

Chicago, Ill.—Continued use of building tile in hospital construction, was largely responsible for the enormous loss of life in the St. Anthony Hospital fire in Chicago, according to a report by the Chicago Building Trades Union.

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Truman Asks Columbia Valley Authority To Aid Development of Pacific Northwest

Washington—To aid the further the economic progress of the Pacific Northwest, President Truman proposed the consolidation of federal departments of the Columbia River Valley Authority and the Columbia River Valley Authority.

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Express Dispute Referred to Board

Washington—President Truman referred a dispute between the National Express and the Railway Express to the National Labor Relations Board.

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NLRB Rules T-H Applies To Building of Single House

Washington—The recent, grating tension of the Taft-Hartley law was given a new dimension by the National Labor Relations Board.

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Committee Approves Changes in DP Law To Eliminate Discriminatory Provisions

Washington—Liberation and the elimination of the discriminatory provisions of the Displaced Persons Act, was approved by the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

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Pioneer Woman Leader Plans Well-Earned Rest

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Bencke Will Head Pilots' World Unit

Dublin, Ireland—David J. Bencke, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, was named as president of the new World Pilots' Union.

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VA May Waive Claims Against Veterans In Default on GI Home, Business Loans

Washington—Claims against veterans in default on their loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration under the GI bill may be waived in certain instances.

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REPORT SHOWS BENEFITS OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Atlanta—The value of political activity among union members was remarkable results were achieved in the election of 1948, according to a report by the A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

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PRICE, ECONOMIC PROPS APPROVED BY SENATE UNIT

Washington—Congressional hearings on the Economic Price Control Act were approved by the Senate.

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FHA MORTGAGE REQUESTS SET RECORDS IN MARCH

Washington—Applications for FHA mortgage insurance of real estate in March set a new record.

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EMPLOYER FINED \$1200 FOR WAGE-HOUR VIOLATION

New York—The Labor Department announced that it had fined a company \$1,200 for a wage-hour violation.

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HOUSE VOTES EXTRA FUND FOR VETERANS' BENEFIT COST

Washington—The House passed a bill to provide extra funds for the cost of veterans' benefits.

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STEAM PLANT FOR TAYLOR APPROVED BY SENATE

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